



**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL
MAY 24, 2021**

Present: Moses Bell, Shirley Greene, Mikel Trapp, Timothy Roseborough, Doug Pauley, Cornelius Robinson, Clarence Gilbert, Council Members; Jason Taylor, County Administrator; Laura Johnson, Assistant County Administrator; Charles Boykin, County Attorney; Patti L. Davis, Clerk to Council.

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80 (e), as amended, the following persons and/or organizations have been notified of the time, date and location of this meeting: The Independent Voice of Blythewood and Fairfield, The Country Chronicle and one hundred forty two other individuals.

Due to COVID-19 (Coronavirus), the meeting is being live-streamed through the County's YouTube page in order to keep citizens informed.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Bell called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Vice Chair Greene, seconded by Council Member Trapp, to approve the agenda. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

3. INVOCATION

Vice Chair Greene led the invocation.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Council Member Roseborough, to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 26, 2021, Regular Meeting of May 10, 2021, Special Meeting of May 17, 2021, and Special Meeting of May 20, 2021. Vice Chair Greene put forth a correction to the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2021. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0 with correction of the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2021.***

5. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None.

6. 1ST PUBLIC COMMENT (3 MINUTES): INPUT MUST PERTAIN TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, FOR WHICH NO PUBLIC HEARING IS REQUIRED OR HAS BEEN SCHEDULED. THE TOTAL TIME ALLOCATED TO THIS PUBLIC

COMMENT SEGMENT IS 30 MINUTES.

- Norma Branham - Courthouse
- William Frick - Courthouse
- Tony Armstrong - Court (Declined to speak when called)
- Randy Newman - Court
- Randy Bright - County Administrator

7. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

8. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND ORDERS

- A.** Second Reading Ordinance No. 771: Authorizing Amendments to a Redevelopment Agreement Providing for a New County Administration Building so as to Provide Support for the Erection of a Monument to Honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., or a Similar Historic Figure, and to Provide Support for the Use of the Teacherage as a Museum Memorializing African American Heritage in the County. Motion made by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Vice Chair Greene, to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 771. Council Member Pauley stated after speaking with several members of the community and hearing their wishes, he made a motion to amend the original motion for the monument to be located on the grounds of Fairfield High Alumni property, seconded by Council Member Gilbert. ***The motion failed 3-4 with Chairman Bell, Vice Chair Greene and Council Members Trapp and Roseborough voting nay.*** Council Member Gilbert made a motion to amend the original motion to state that the Museum memorializing African American Heritage be moved from the teacherage to the Fairfield High School also. He feels it is a slap in the face to house the black museum in another facility other than the Fairfield High School. This amending motion was seconded by Council Member Robinson. ***The motion failed 3-4 with Chairman Bell, Vice Chair Greene and Council Members Trapp and Roseborough voting nay.*** Chairman Bell then called for the vote on the original motion. ***The motion carried 4-3 with Council Members Pauley, Robinson and Gilbert voting nay.***
- B.** Second Reading Ordinance No. 769: To Establish the Millage Rate for Fairfield County for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021. Motion made by Vice Chair Greene, seconded by Council Member Trapp, to approve Second Reading of Ordinance No. 769. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

C. Second Reading Ordinance No. 770: An Ordinance Authorizing Fairfield County to Add New Fees for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year. Motion made by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Vice Chair Greene, to approve Second Reading of Ordinance 770. Council Member Pauley inquired how the staff arrived at the amounts and if alcohol will be allowed on County property at the events. If so, the County needs to be covered with event liability insurance. Per Mrs. Bass, the fees are recommended by the departments based on what other counties in the area charge for similar items, and to her knowledge, there is no alcohol allowed on County property. Council Member Pauley also inquired concerning clean-up fees, and Mrs. Bass stated the renter would be responsible for the clean-up. Mrs. Bass will also check on the event liability aspect. Council Member Robinson stated he believes the renter will sign a waiver. Mr. Taylor stated this is correct, and the renter can have alcohol as long as certain criteria are met, such as having a licensed bartender. Council Member Robinson also believes they are required to have security during the event. With no further comment, Chairman Bell called for the vote. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

D. Resolution No. 2021-04: A Resolution Authorizing Fairfield County to Purchase Certain Real Property in Fairfield County, South Carolina, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Option Agreement, Approving the Form of the Proposed Sales Contract and Other Related Matters. Chairman Bell stated this item will be deferred until after executive session.

E. Resolution No. 2021-05: A Resolution Authorizing Fairfield County to Purchase Certain Real Property in Fairfield County, South Carolina, Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Option Agreement, Approving the Form of the Proposed Sales Contract and Other Related Matters. Chairman Bell stated this item will be deferred until after executive session.

9. BOARD AND COMMISSION MINUTES - Received as information

A. Library Commission

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

A. Aeronautics Commission - Mr. James E. (Jim) Tyner, District 2. Motion made by Vice Chair Greene, seconded by Council Member Trapp, to approve the appointment of Mr. James E. (Jim) Tyner to the Aeronautics Commission representing District 2. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

None.

13. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- A.** Mr. Bryant Brown, GMK Engineering – Update on Courthouse Renovation. Chairman Bell inquired concerning the itemized list. Mr. Taylor stated it was thought that some of the information would be deferred until a work session. Mr. Brown stated he does have a breakdown, and Chairman Bell asked him to continue. Per Mr. Brown, as of today, the demo has begun in the back of the courthouse, the judge's chambers, bathrooms on the floor and the other bathrooms in the building, and also some reconstruction in the attic of the courthouse. This also includes the MEP (mechanical, electrical and plumbing). This was begun first so that court would not be held up any longer than needed. Chairman Bell inquired the cost of what Mr. Brown just spoke about. Mr. Brown stated this would be roughly around \$257,000 (engineering \$114,000; design \$295,000), so roughly at about \$741,000. Chairman Bell inquired if this piece will get the courthouse ADA compliant, to which Mr. Brown stated it would not. Bathrooms are being added in the courtroom, which is part of the security and part of the ADA along with accessibility and egress. This is an old courthouse, and issues are being encountered, such as pipes being 100 years old. Council Member Trapp inquired how much it will cost to be ADA compliant. Per Mr. Brown, the bathrooms, the elevator, the courtroom, the security part and ADA from the front and the back would be around \$2.4M. Vice Chair Greene inquired if this includes both heating and cooling. This would be some part of it, but Mr. Brown stated the breakdown of the heating and cooling is around \$1M to \$1.1M. Council Member Trapp inquired how much would be saved without doing the addition. Mr. Brown stated the addition is to relieve the necessity of going all the way into the walls, etc. There is no easy answer to this question because there are some trade-offs. It would be around a \$400,000 to \$600,000. Chairman Bell stated the first number set aside in the bond was around \$1.8M for the courthouse. Mr. Taylor stated this is correct. Chairman Bell further stated there is only \$4.2M in the bond. This was received in 2013 to be used in 2014. Now, the figure is arriving at \$5.3M for the renovations when there is only \$4.2M left in the bond. Council Member Trapp inquired of the cost with the items that are absolutely needed, the ADA compliance, the heating and air and the security. Mr. Brown stated it would be somewhere between the \$4.2M and \$4.5M. With the addition, we won't have to go back into the walls or other

requirements, such as the elevator and its age. Council Member Trapp again asked for an itemized list. Mr. Brown will get this together for Council. Council Member Robinson inquired of Mr. Taylor if the \$1.8M was part of the initial set-up or was it for the entire project. Per Mr. Taylor, we have never been certain where those numbers came from for any of the listed projects. No actual bids or cost estimates were done, and instead, the numbers were just plugged in. Per Mrs. Johnson, there was no validation of the numbers. Chairman Bell stated Council does need the itemized list. Council Member Trapp inquired if a contract has been signed for the work. Per Mr. Taylor, it has but it is not defined as to what has to be done. A contract was signed for the assessment of the courthouse and to make recommendations. Council Member Trapp also requested a copy of the contract. With no further questions, Chairman Bell thanked Mr. Brown for his presentation.

- B.** Mr. Rory Dowling, 1st & Main Development - Update on New Administration Building. Mr. Taylor introduced Mr. Dowling, and Mr. Dowling thanked Council for allowing him to present tonight. He then proceeded to give an update of the project. In the fall of 2019, Council approved the original plans to redevelop the Mt. Zion Institute into the Fairfield County Complex. A little over a year ago in March 2020, construction began of the roughly \$13.5M project. At that point, the hope was to deliver the building by now. However, there were some changes requested by County staff and changes, for various reasons, to the design in the fall of 2020. Those changes continued to be made through about February or March 2021. As of today, based on the construction schedule, the plan is to deliver the facility around October of 2021. Some of the changes included floor plan changes, data connectivity and electrical upgrades, particularly to the 9-1-1 call center. There was the addition of the pre-action sprinkler system in the 9-1-1 call center, grounding requirements for the antennas, as well as increased generator size. So, a lot of this was related to the 9-1-1 specifications. Chairman Bell inquired if these were the changes that caused the delay, and Mr. Dowling agreed. Chairman Bell stated it was not Council that caused the delay, and instead, the County staff because of the changes; however, the changes were needed. Mr. Dowling stated this is correct so the building would be operated efficiently the way the County would need it to. The impact was roughly four to five months. Mr. Dowling stated they are trying to deliver certain aspects of the project as soon as possible. Within 2-3 weeks, the cafeteria building should be able to be delivered. Final inspection should occur around mid-June. The gymnasium and annex should be delivered by the end of June or early August. The auditorium is looking very good, and the original restored chairs will be

placed soon. Hopefully, this area will be delivered in the late August/early September timeframe. The classroom building was the one that had been most affected with the majority of the changes. This should be delivered in October. With that said, the top two floors should be delivered in the August timeframe. The hope is that the teacherage structure will be delivered in late October but more probably early November. That structure right now is slated to be used for an African American Heritage Museum. The County's financial obligation, apart from the design changes which incurred costs of roughly about \$800,000, has not changed. The lease will commence this month and has not changed from the \$4.2M over the 7-year period. Chairman Bell stated the building is \$8.7M and the \$800,000 is added to this, resulting in \$9.5M. In addition to this, there is \$135,000 for IT up fit. Mr. Dowling is not aware of this, and if this is something that needs to be coordinated with them, they should be made aware of it soon. Chairman Bell also inquired concerning the insulation and the windows having to be made the same way due to the historical nature. Per Mr. Dowling, they are regular windows, but there is 3-width brick on the walls, so the building will be significantly built with higher efficiency. Chairman Bell asked if solar panels could be placed on the structure, and Mr. Dowling stated the structural engineer would have to be consulted, but it probably could be done. There also have been other cost overruns on the project with unforeseen circumstances involving a historic building, as are typically seen. The development company has borne these costs. This is part of why this deal was attractive to the County, because the company assumed all the responsibility for those unknowns. To date, there have been unexpected cost increases of about half a million dollars that are again the company's responsibility. Mr. Dowling then showed some pictures of the cafeteria, which is close to being finished, the gymnasium and the auditorium. There have been discussions concerning the Martin Luther King, Jr. monument and the African American Heritage Museum, and Mr. Dowling stated he and his company are fully supportive of whichever direction the County wants to go. Council Member Pauling inquired if the property is County property or private property, and if private property, can the County use tax dollars to place the monument on private property. Per Mr. Dowling, it will be private property, and at the end of the 7-year lease, it will belong to the County. However, he is not an attorney and will defer to the attorney on this matter. Chairman Bell stated if this is a concern, how has the County been able to spend County money on the up-fits. Mr. Taylor stated this is being done through a contractual arrangement. Mr. Dowling stated they are very excited for what this will do for the community. If you walk in the auditorium or the gym, you will get a sense of what these buildings will offer the community. Vice Chair

Greene stated there have been some questions concerning the use of the stage, and in its current state, it would be great for productions. However, if additional office space is there, it would limit that use. Mr. Dowling agreed, and the stage is roughly about 30 feet deep. The current plans right now have the stage dropping to about 17 feet. The remaining 13 feet would be reserved for meeting space for potentially executive session for Council as well as an office and a single restroom. There has been some thought about whether the space is truly needed behind the stage. If there is a desire to look at this further, now is the time. Council Member Roseborough inquired concerning the rent being due this month. Per Mr. Dowling, rent payments start this month because of the delay associated with the changes; however, what this means is that the clock for the 7-year lease starts, so there will not be anything added onto the back end. The financial obligation is still the same. Chairman Bell inquired how citizens, if they choose to, can tour and look at the facility prior to the opening. Mr. Dowling stated he does want to do a soft opening, not any sort of grand opening or ribbon cutting, but simply invite residents out to tour safely with hard hats. This would be a great way for residents to see what has been happening over the last 13 or 14 months. He is happy to work with staff to organize this. Chairman Bell inquired if the department heads have toured the facility. According to Mr. Taylor, he cannot say that every department head has had this opportunity, but the majority have. There are some departments that will not be affected.

- C. Request of Action:** Public Works - To Obtain Approval for the County Transportation Commission to Proceed with the Island Drive Paving Project (\$43,323.58). Per Mr. Taylor, this is a joint project and is being driven by the new park being done on Lake Wateree by Duke. It will be a very nice park off of Island Drive, and we anticipate this to be a wonderful thing for the County. The State Park in the area is highly used and is one of the more popular in the state, but we do want to have the road leading into the park be nice also. The County Transportation Commission and Duke are willing to fund 2/3 of this project if the County will step in and also do 1/3. Our 1/3 would be \$43,323.58. There is money to cover this in the transportation fund. Per Mr. Clauson, the CTC staff engineer, Bill Coleman, spoke at the Committee Meeting prior to this meeting, and he presented and stated the bids had already been taken. The project could begin as soon as the County approves the funding. Per Mr. Taylor, the Finance Committee recommended approval to full Council. Council Member Trapp inquired if there would need to be three readings for the County's portion of the funds. Mr. Taylor stated he does not believe so, but deferred to the attorney. Mr. Boykin stated he does not fully understand the question, but

he assumes it is being asked because of the budget. Council Member Trapp agreed and stated this project had not been budgeted. Mr. Boykin stated it may be unbudgeted, but it would be coming from the transportation fund. Mr. Clauson said this would be coming from the road maintenance fee, which is a fee established by County Council several years ago. It is collected by DMV, and for every vehicle there is a \$5 tax collected with \$10 collected for trucks. These funds are to be used for County maintained roads. Mr. Boykin stated as he understands it, the money that has come in would be authorized to be used for this specific purpose; therefore, he does not see a reason to have the budget amended if it is contemplated that the money would be received for a purpose such as this and it is being expended for that purpose. There would be no reason to go through anything other than the normal administrative process for moving the money to be spent for that purpose. Motion made by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Vice Chair Greene, to approve the Request of Action. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

- D.** Request of Action: Necessary Equipment and Professional Moving/Installation Services to Relocate the Data Center from 350 Columbia Road to New Administration Building. Per Mr. Taylor, this request will be used to up-fit the data center for the new administration building. Per Mr. Allen, new data center equipment must be in place at the new facility so that when employees move from this facility, there will be no interruption of voice and data for day-to-day County functions. Per Mr. Taylor, this too went before the Finance Committee and was recommended to full Council for approval. This is also under State contract and would not have to be bid. Council Member Trapp inquired where this money would come from and if three readings would be needed. Per Mr. Taylor, this would come from fund balance. Per Mr. Boykin, it depends on the adoption of the budget and how the fund balance is structured. If it contemplated coming from the fund balance items such as this, then the answer to the question is no. If, however, the budget was adopted without contemplating such transfers from the fund balance, then the answer would be yes. The question is what the budget contemplated at the time of its approval. Per Mr. Taylor, in the past, the County has not done many budget amendments. Mr. Boykin inquired if the County has gone through audits without exception. Per Mrs. Johnson, the County has not been flagged for anything of this nature. Mr. Boykin stated he does not see a reason why three readings would have to be done. Council Member Trapp made a motion to approve the Request of Action, seconded by Council Member Roseborough. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

- E.** Ratification of Procurement Review Panel. Per Mr. Taylor, the ratification is needed for the Procurement Review Panel. There has been a protest to a bid, and in order for the person to follow through with the appeal, our Procurement Manual requires that a Procurement Review Panel be set up. This is designed for the staff to make the selections for the committee, and then it must go to Council for ratification of the members. The following are being proposed for the committee: Jennifer Leaphart (Human Resources), Guerry Hensley (Tax Assessor), Diana White (Transit), Carnell Robinson (Solid Waste Director) and Terrie Smith (Sheriff's Department). Council Member Trapp inquired if the person who is filing the appeal turned in the request within 10 days according to the Procurement Manual. Per Mrs. Johnson, in the manual, it says a bidder or a prospective bidder has the right to protest. So, this would be someone who has already bid, someone who wanted to bid (a prospective bidder), an existing contractor or a sub-contractor. All have the right to protest, even if they won the bid. The manual also states it is tried to be resolved in-house first, and if it cannot be resolved in-house, they have a right to go to the Procurement Review Panel. Council Member Trapp asked once again if the appeal was turned in within 10 days. Mr. Taylor said this particular case is bringing this to our attention that we should have already had this panel in place. This is something that needs to be done regardless of whether this particular protest moves forward or not. There are details of the protest that need to be looked at to make sure it was done correctly, but regardless, the panel needs to be in place. Council Member Trapp again asked if it was received within 10 days. Per Mrs. Bass, she was reached by phone, and she asked the caller to put it in writing. She made the caller aware of the process and asked that it be put in writing. Council Member Trapp stated there is a certain amount of time, according to the manual, to file a written complaint, and inquired how many days had passed before Mrs. Bass was contacted. Mrs. Bass stated she was reached within the 10 days, and she asked the caller to put it in writing. The initial contact was in 10 days. Council Member Pauley inquired if the bidding process was done like it is normally done or was something different. Per Mr. Taylor, he does not believe these details should be discussed, because the protestor will need to present the case to this panel. We are not here to discuss that particular case. However, it did prompt our need for this panel, but it should not be adjudicated here. Motion made by Vice Chair Greene, seconded by Council Member Pauley, to approve the Ratification of the Procurement Review Panel. ***The motion carried 6-1 with Council Member Trapp voting nay.***

14. CLERK TO COUNCIL'S REPORT

None.

15. COUNTY COUNCIL TIME

Gilbert: Council Member Gilbert stated as everyone knows, the County was awarded a settlement from Dominion. He would like to go on record as recommending that we consider working with the Department of Commerce to come up with an independent source to deal with the projects as set forth in the settlement, as they have asked us to do, to make sure that everything is performed in the correct way. Our staff is overwhelmed with work, and this project really needs to be thought through carefully. If we slip up and spend this money the wrong way, this County will get sued. We should get an outside source, working with the Department of Commerce, to work with us on this project. Also, Economic Development training was on May 10. One of the things the Department of Commerce made a recommendation for is that our Economic Development Department needs all the support that this County can give. He needs the money it takes to do his job correctly, for his training, his travel, etc. His allowance was just cut out as far as his car is concerned. In conversation with Mrs. Bass, the difference between having a County-owned car versus a personal car is really not that much different and appearance is everything. Our Director is our front man for bringing business to the County. Council Member Gilbert recommends we support our Economic Development Department and give him the tools it takes in order for him to bring business to the County.

Pauley: Council Member Pauley thanked everyone who spoke on behalf of the courthouse. The courthouse for many years needed remodeling, and it has not been done. Instead of focusing on employees working at the courthouse and citizens that use the courthouse daily, we focus on \$2.5M recreation centers and other matters that should not be a priority before the courthouse. He will say once again that the Chairman is concerned with self-service and what benefits him instead of public service. \$1.7M is being freed up from the bond since the settlement has been agreed upon with Dominion. We need to ask the Chief Justice to get involved and make Fairfield County do what is right. Over a month ago, Council Member Pauley suggested to the Council Chair that we use Laura Johnson, the Assistant Administrator, for an Interim Administrator. Mr. Bell and Mr. Trapp stated absolutely not. She is experienced and would have done a great job for the County. They did not want her because they could not control her. Now, we are on our third administrator, who Council Member Pauley was notified earlier today and was told he did not have the job. His question to Council is when will we stop

running around with no plan in hiring a new administrator. We need to be moving forward, but we are definitely moving backward.

Robinson: Council Member Robinson stated he also received a lot of phone calls in reference to why not the possibility of adding to or working in conjunction with Old Fairfield's history. He believes that would be a better location and that a statue of a prominent citizen, such as Kelly Miller, would also suffice. He does not know how we would spend an entire million dollars for a Martin Luther King monument, even though when you think of Civil Rights you think of Martin Luther King, but Fairfield County has prominent individuals as well that we could erect a monument for. He asks Council to reconsider the Old Fairfield site.

Bell: Chairman Bell stated we have to begin to work together in the way we go forward. The only reason Mr. Pauley said what was discussed in executive session is because he wants to stir everyone up. This was uncalled for, but that's okay. He wants to make sure everyone in the community gets riled, just like it was said the Council was the one who delayed Mt. Zion. However, we found out tonight that was not true. We are called the Hilton Head four after the vote to cancel Hilton Head; however, everyone is going except Mr. Gilbert. All of this is just something to make sure this County cannot go forward, and they want to undermine everything. Fairfield High School was brought up tonight for putting the African American Museum. Mr. Robinson had been Chairman two years, and Mr. Billy Smith had been Chairman. Did they suggest anything about Mt. Zion instead of making sure it was done? They didn't suggest anything. Mr. Neil Robinson proposed a committee to look at putting a statute or something at Mt. Zion, but he did not go further with it. Council Member Robinson requested for Chairman Bell to tell the truth and tell the entire story. Chairman Bell stated every time something comes up, it's all about how we can divide. We have already voted for the car, and no one said anything about spending \$70,000 on a library and then shutting it down for \$10,000. No one said anything about that. We can sit up here and try to move the County forward or we can sit up here and do everything we can to divide. Chairman Bell chooses to move forward, and this Council will move forward. If we fail, the County fails. To suggest the Commerce Department hire someone else to come in and do this work for us is calling us ignorant. Chairman Bell knows Commerce is looking to help us with the wastewater treatment plant. At some point, this has to stop. Tonight is the last night for Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Johnson to be in a County Council meeting. Chairman Bell wanted to thank Mr. Taylor for all the work he has done in trying to help the Council, especially around economic development. He has always told him that he has a good eye to look at improving things. In January, a piece of

property was looked at, and Mr. Taylor began to tell him how it could be designed and what would need to be done. It has been stated that we should have known we would need a new administrator. Five months ago, we did not know we would be getting a new administrator. We had all intentions of making sure Mr. Taylor stayed. We didn't choose that, he did. So, since he chose that, it is his business. Chairman Bell does want to thank him for his service to this County. Mrs. Johnson has 30 years, and in January she said, Mr. Bell, I'm going to retire. Chairman Bell then asked her why she was doing this. She said she was not doing that to the County. He is retired, and he believes retirement is one of the best things that can happen to anyone. Chairman Bell wished Mrs. Johnson well in her retirement, and she deserves it. She has been an asset to the County. He again thanked both Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Johnson for their service.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (The following statement is provided in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act: Subsequent to Executive Session, Council may take action on matters discussed in Executive Session.)

At 7:17 p.m., motion made by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Vice Chair Greene, to go into executive session concerning the below listed items. Council Member Trapp inquired if Council needs to go into executive session as it will be discussed in public. Chairman Bell understands this point; however, this is something that needs to be discussed in executive session. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

- A.** Contractual Matter - Discussion Concerning Proposed Buyer Agency Agreement Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §30-4-70(a)(2).
- B.** Economic Development - Discussion of Matters Related to Proposal for Sale of Industrial Property Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §30-4-70(a)(5).
- C.** Personnel Matter - Discussion Concerning the Position of County Administrator Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §30-4-70(a)(1).

At 8:08 p.m., motion made by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Council Member Roseborough, to come out of executive session and return to regular session. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

Chairman Bell then read Resolution No. 2021-04 into the record. Council Member Trapp made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-04, seconded

by Council Member Roseborough. ***The motion carried 4-3 with Council Members Pauley, Robinson and Gilbert voting nay.***

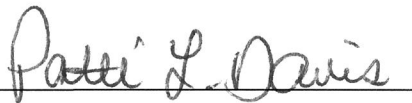
Chairman Bell then read Resolution No. 2021-05 into the record. Council Member Trapp made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2021-05, seconded by Vice Chair Greene. ***The motion carried 4-3 with Council Members Pauley, Robinson and Gilbert voting nay.***

Vice Chair Greene made a motion to withdraw the employment offer to Mr. Gerald Seals, seconded by Council Member Roseborough. Chairman Bell then read the following statement: On Thursday, May 20, 2021, Fairfield Council by a vote of 4-2 approved a motion to appoint Mr. Gerald Seals Interim Administrator. This vote was contingent upon the terms of the contract being reached between the Council and Mr. Seals. In all matters of governance, the Council values the needs of all citizens and our employees. In that regard, we considered the leadership approach of candidates to work in our County. Since the time of our vote, the Council has learned more about Mr. Seal's approach to leading county government. While we respect Mr. Seals' knowledge and experience in county government, we do not believe that his approach would be compatible with Fairfield County at this time. We wish him well, and we will continue our search. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***

The Clerk then reminded Chairman Bell that a vote is needed concerning Item A under executive session. Motion made by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Vice Chair Greene, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Proposed Buyer Agency Agreement. ***The motion carried 5-2 with Council Members Pauley and Gilbert voting nay.***

17. ADJOURN

At 8:13 p.m., it was moved by Council Member Trapp, seconded by Vice Chair Greene, to adjourn. ***The motion carried unanimously 7-0.***



PATTI L. DAVIS
CLERK TO COUNCIL



MOSES BELL
CHAIRMAN